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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of  
Matthew R. Libera et al.

U.S. Serial No.: 10/626,472

Filed: July 24, 2003

For: PATTERNED POLYMER MICROGEL  
AND METHOD OF FORMING SAME

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Sir:

The above-identified utility patent application was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 24, 2003. The application claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/398,392 which was filed on July 25, 2002, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/441,658 which was filed on January 22, 2003. The return postcard submitted with the application was returned to our office, stamped by the United States Patent and Trademark Office with the filing date and the serial number 10/626,472. A copy of our transmittal letter and the returned postcard are attached hereto, with a copy of the first page of the application, where the benefit of the provisional patent applications is claimed.

We have not received any communication regarding the above-identified utility patent application since the postcard was stamped and returned to us. In a telephone call on October 24, 2003, inquiring as to the status of the filing receipt and Notice of

Missing Parts, we were advised that the application had been scanned by Security and cleared on October 20, 2003 by Licensing and Review. We were informed that the filing receipt and Notice of Missing Parts would be issued in a few months' time.

In our subsequent telephone call to the Patent Office on March 11, 2003, inquiring as to the status of the filing receipt and Notice of Missing Parts, we were advised that no further information was available on this application.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Examiner review this application and issue the Office Filing Receipt and Notice of Missing Parts, so that that the examining procedure may begin on this application.

If the examiner has any questions, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at (973) 848-5369.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find the following documents in the above-identified application for Letters Patent of the United States:

<u>1</u>	Pages of Abstract
<u>38</u>	Pages of Specification
<u>35</u>	Number of Claims
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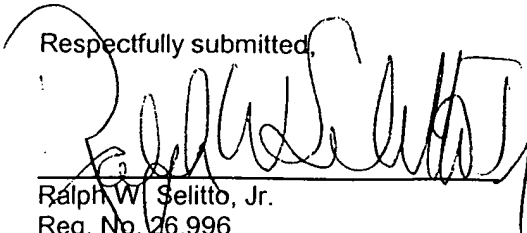
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Priority date of July 25, 2002 for United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/398,392 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 (e).

Priority date of January 22, 2003 for United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/441,658 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 (e).

Please note that this application is being filed without an applicant's executed Declaration and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) and (f), the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date that this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, it is respectfully requested that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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